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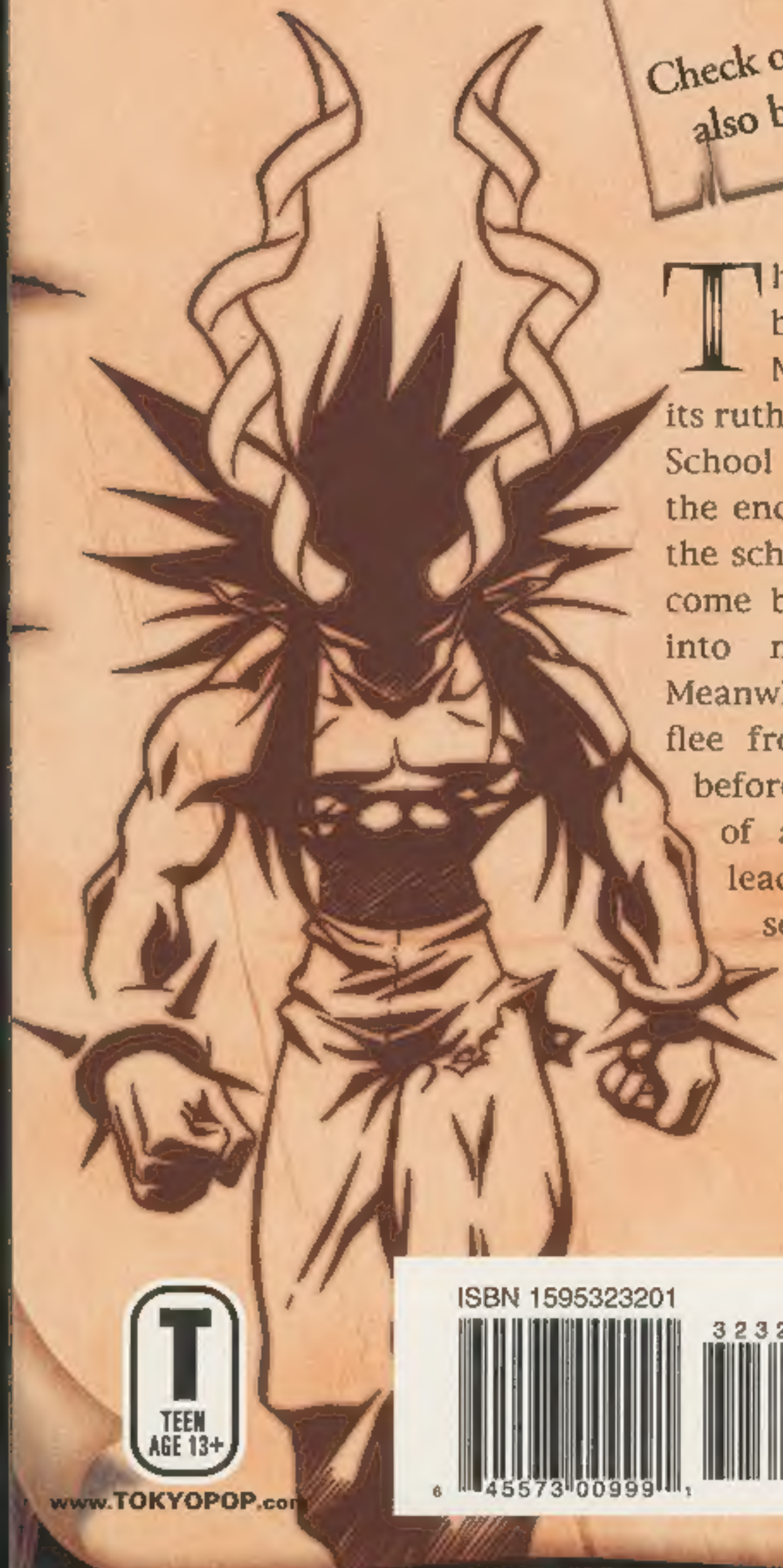

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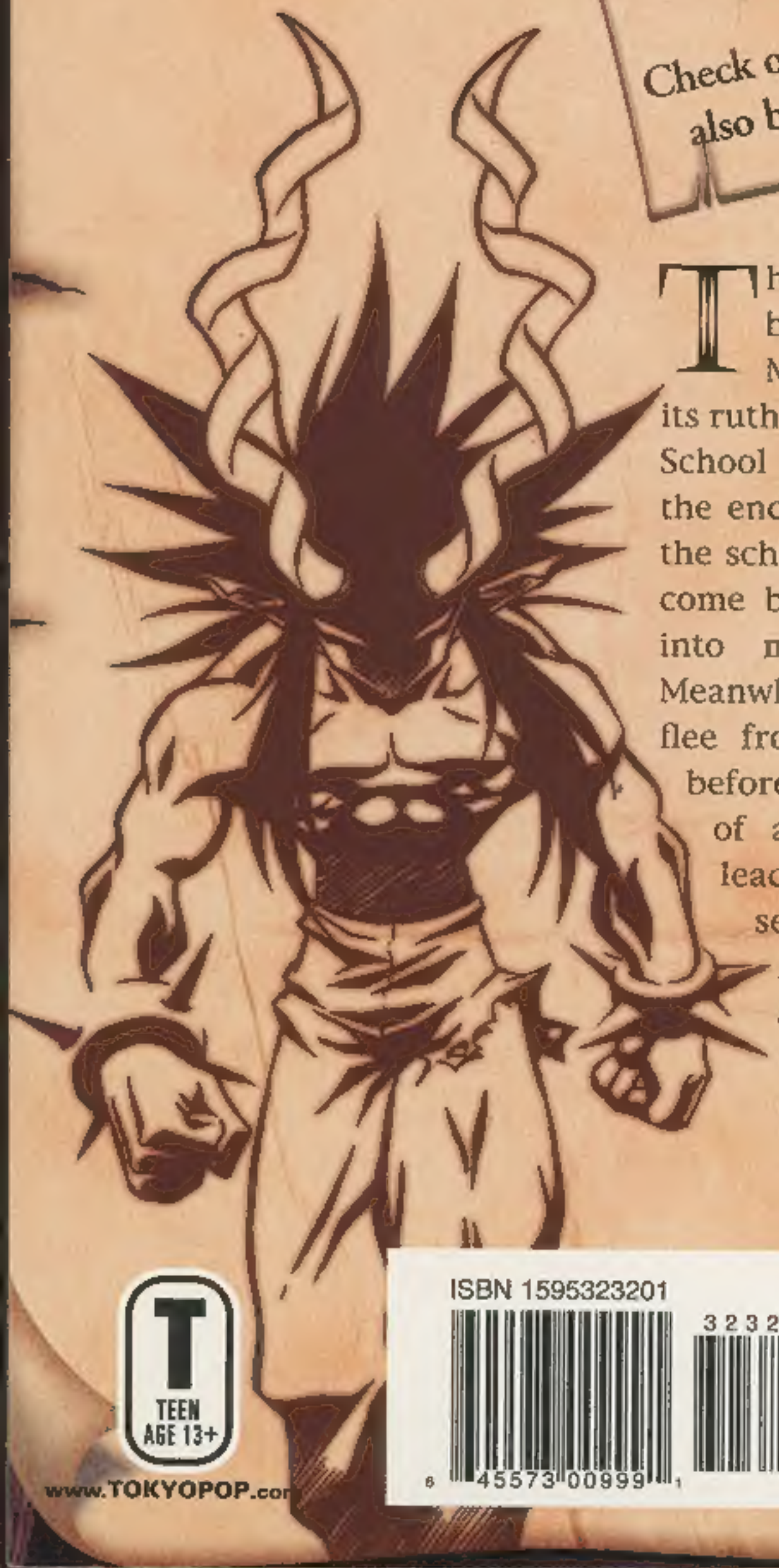

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MOST MUMMIES I'VE SEEN ARE ROTTING IN SARCOPHAGUSES, AND THEY'RE LIVELIER THAN YOU! DO MUMMIES EVEN EAT FLESH? I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT ZOMBIES DID. AT LEAST ZOMBIES CAN INSPIRE SOME FEAR.
HEY, YOU! WITH THE BABY FANGS! YOU'RE NOT EVEN A PURE-BLOODED VAMPIRE, ARE YOU? I BET YOU WERE BITTEN BY ANOTHER VAMPIRE, RIGHT?
Mm-hmm.
AND YOU, GOAT BOY! ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE A DEMON? WITH HORNS THAT STUBBY, YOU'RE NOTHING BUT AN IMPOTENT IMP! HONESTLY, ARE YOU EVEN CAPABLE OF CASTING MAGIC?
WHAT A BUNCH OF SAD SACKS! PATHETIC!
YOU'RE A BUNCH OF DEMON SCHOOL SLACKERS, AREN'T YOU? JUST A GROUP OF BELOW-AVERAGE BEELZEBUBS! AM I RIGHT?

A spunky, fearless girl named Sang searches for the Demon School Hades...and a legendary ring contained within its walls. When she encounters a group of misfit monsters that are playing hooky from school, her hunt is over. They reluctantly take her to Hades, where Sang meets Notra, a female monster who's wearing a very special ring! But before Sang can snatch Notra's ring, a group of humans from the Madosa Guild attack the school! A deadly battle ensues, and Sang fights alongside her new beastly buddies...

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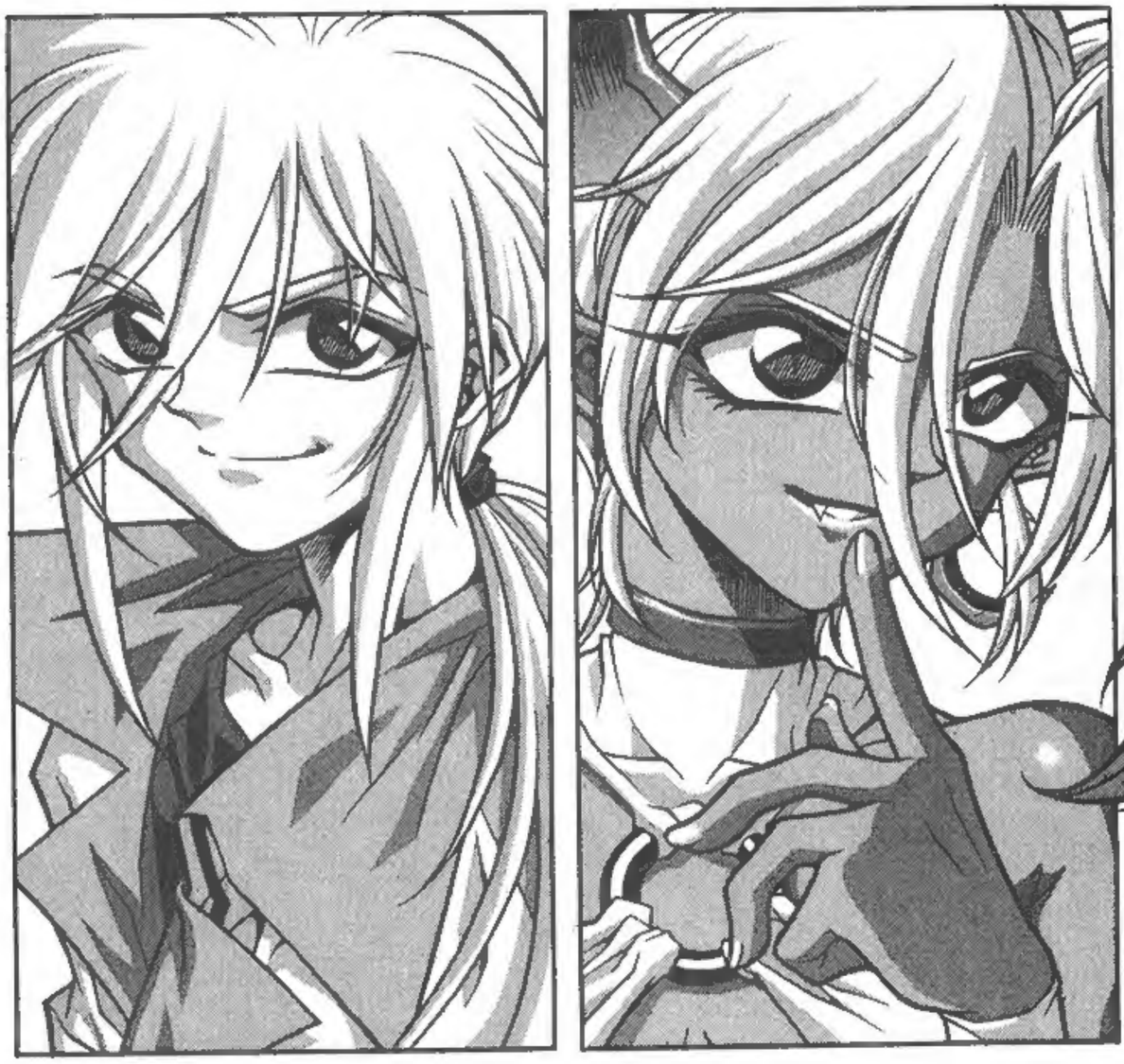
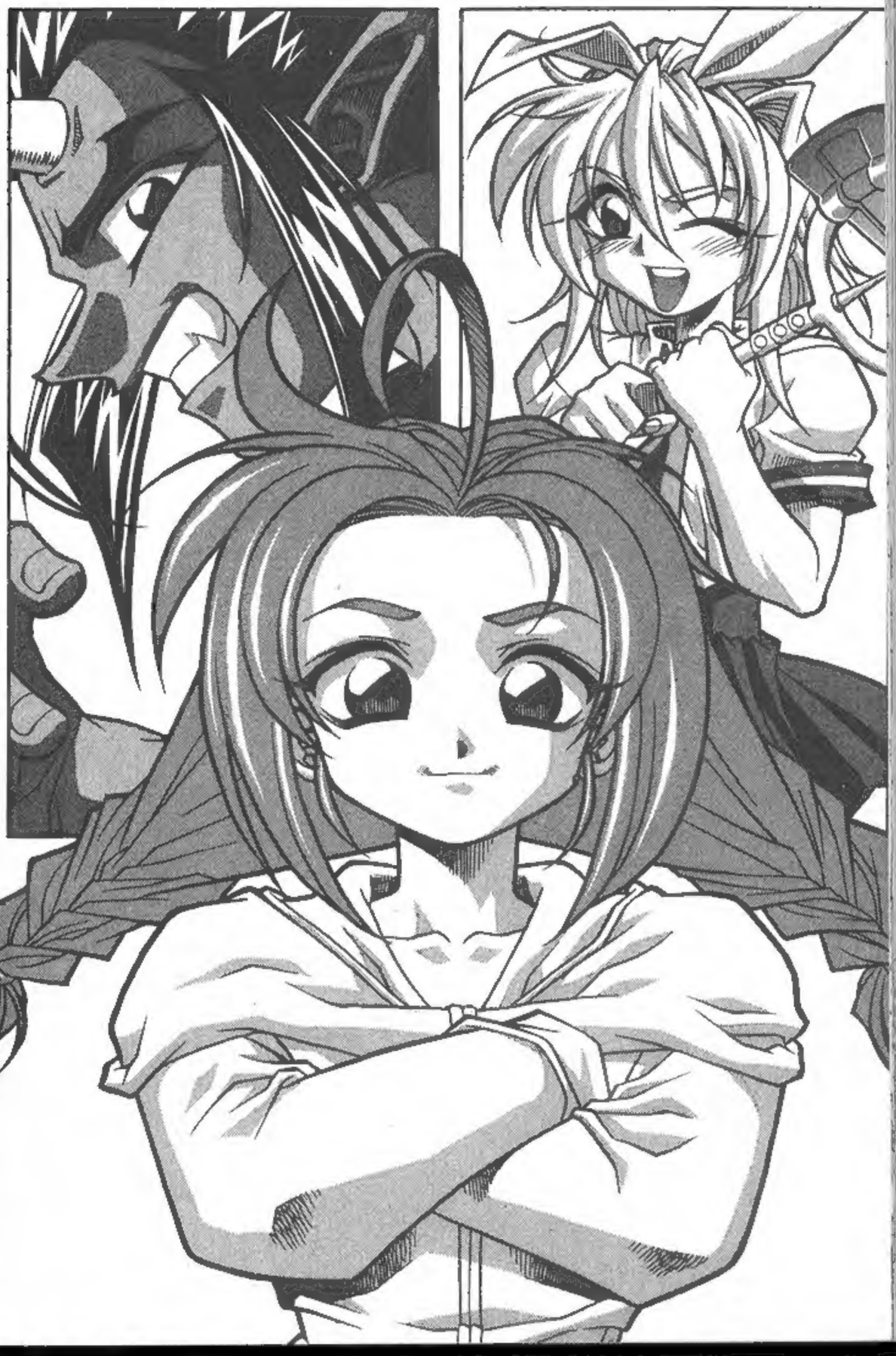




THAT VAMPIRE WHELP CALLED YOU "MASTER FATALIS." YOU SIMPLY *MUST* TELL ME WHAT IT IS YOU DO HERE.

.....

YOU TRESPASSING *SOW*, I AM THIS SCHOOL'S INTERMEDIATE GRADE ADVISOR.

THE NAME'S *FATALIS*... AS IN GENERAL BELPEGORE'S CHIEF ASSASSIN.

INDEED. I KNEW YOU WERE *TOO* SKILLED TO BE A *MERE* TEACHER.

ALL I HAD TO DO WAS TAKE ONE LOOK AT A HUNK OF BEEF LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT.

I, ON THE OTHER HAND, AM AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WITH THE MADOSA GUILD.

I'M MAHALISA, THE WIND WITCH.

Master Fatalis is a...a chief assassin?!

I...I had no idea he was that important.

MWAHHHA!

IT SEEMS INTRODUCTIONS ARE OVER. SHALL WE BEGIN?

AS YOU WISH.

GULP

OH HO HO HO!

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY EXPECT TO PENETRATE MY WINDFORCE WITH A MERE *KITCHEN KNIFE*, DO YOU?!

MY POWERS ARE THOSE OF THE GODS!

THE VERY AIR YOU BREATHE IS AT MY COMMAND!

KYOU

WHA--?!

FUNNY. I DIDN'T KNOW...

...I WAS *SUPPOSED* TO BE INTIMI-DATED...

...BY A *MASSAGE.*

B-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE A...?

YOU SURE PICKED THE *WRONG* DAY FOR A FIGHT, WENCH.

VERMILION CYCLONE!

HMPH!

YOUR MOVES ARE AS *STALE* AS YOUR *LOOKS*, FATALIS!

HAAH?!

IF YOU CAN'T PLAY THE *GAME*, YOU *SHOULDN'T* BET ALL YOUR CHIPS.

!!

AARGGHH!!

Y-YOU CAN CONTROL THE WINDFORCE ALSO, CAN'T YOU?

IS...IS THAT HOW YOU'RE ABLE TO *NEUTRALIZE* MY ATTACKS?

YOU SURE LIKE TO TALK A LOT.

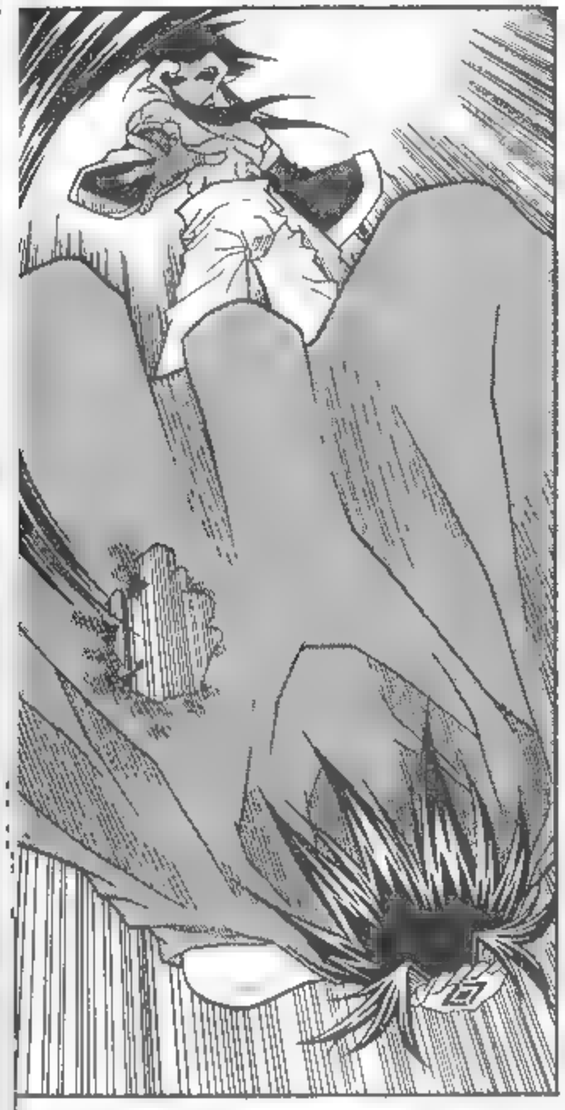
I WAS PLANNING ON SNAPPING YOUR NECK LIKE A TWIG...

...BUT I'VE GOT SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE *FITTING* IN MIND.

YOUR POWER MIGHT STEM FROM THE POSITIVE ATTRIBUTES OF FIRE.

BUT MINE DRAWS ITS STRENGTH FROM PURE *DARKNESS!*

DAARR GHA!



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NECK.

Kuuh...kuhh...bwaah!
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GASP
GASP

WHAT?
LOSE YOUR
FOCUS?!

DEATH
SCYTHE!

Quest 12

DAH HA HA!!

GAAH!

MASTER FATALIS!!

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU? I THOUGHT WE WERE IN A HURRY.

.....

WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?

JUST HURRY IT UP, NOTRA! WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME!!

GRRR!

LOOK WHO'S TALKING, PIGTAILS.

WHAT WAS THAT?

YOU'RE THE ONE GOING ALL *SPASTIC* OVER THERE!

UGH! IT WASN'T ENOUGH!

THE SITUATION'S WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.

I'M THE ONE TRYING TO HELP YOU! AND WHAT DO YOU DO? *COMPLAIN?!*

I AIN'T DOING THIS FOR MY HEALTH, YA KNOW!

AND WHO ASKED FOR *YOUR* HELP, ANYWAY?! WASN'T ME!

AND BESIDES...

YOU'RE JUST A "*HUMAN.*"

DEV AND THE OTHERS... THE BASTARDS THAT KILLED THEM WERE HUMAN

NOTRA, WE'RE--

NO, I-I CAN'T TRUST A HUMAN. NOT... ANYMORE.

ANYWAY, WE'RE HERE.

WE GO THROUGH THAT ARCHWAY AND WE MIGHT JUST FIND OURSELVES AT THE MAHGAE ENTRANCE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "MIGHT BE"? DON'T YOU EVEN KNOW YOUR OWN CAMPUS BY NOW?

I bet it's all the hooky you play.

HADES IS LIKE A FREAKIN' *MAZE!* EVEN THE STUPID TEACHERS DON'T KNOW THEIR WAY AROUND.

AND YOU WANNA KNOW WHY? ALL THE *HUMAN* AGGRESSION! THIS PLACE IS *CONSTANTLY* IN A STATE OF RECONSTRUCTION!

BUT YOU GUYS STILL MAINTAIN IT PRETTY WELL, RIGHT?

TYPICAL! JUST THE KIND OF RESPONSE I'D EXPECT TO HEAR FROM A--

NOTRA, GET OUT OF THE WAY!

HUH?

MA-MASTER FATALIS?

LADY NOTRA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

GET OUT OF THE WAY NOW!!

DAMMIT! THAT ACTUALLY HURT!!

WHO...WHO'S THAT?

Kevughh...

BETTER WATCH THOSE HORNS OF YOURS. I MIGHT JUST FEED 'EM TO YA!

LADY NOTRA! TAKE THAT GIRL AND LEAVE THIS PLACE AT ONCE!!

HEH! SO THE LITTLE PIPSQUEAK'S HERE TOO?

GOOD. SAVES ME THE TIME OF LOOKING FOR HER PALE BUTT!

I might be tempted to beat that guy down myself.

ANNOYED

Unnh...

AHAAK!

Uhh...

STEP ASIDE, YOU BLOOD-SUCKING *PANSY*!

HENDUH WILL DEAL WITH YOU SOON ENOUGH.

DON'T KID YOURSELF, LADY! YOU REALLY *THINK* I'M JUST GOING TO LET YOU SEAL THE MAHGAE'S ENTRANCE?

BIG WORDS

BUT JUST BECAUSE I'M WOUNDED *DOESN'T* MEAN YOU CAN TAKE ME DOWN.

PREPARE TO BE DUSTED!!

Her thoughts... She's planning on tag-teaming Fatalis!

I can't... I can't let that--

Ugh!

KRRAAGH!

HA HA! YOUR BODY'S FROZEN WITH FEAR! I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK!!

A GRAVE MISTAKE.

VAMPIRES ARE BEINGS THAT *REVEL* IN BLOOD.

WITHIN OUR VEINS, BLOOD BECOMES ITS *OWN* EMANATION OF LIFE.

N-NO WAY!

ITS OWN *POWER!!*

ITS OWN STRENGTH!

He can't possibly be one of them!

Not the supreme class of vampires...

...not the Nosferatu!! Not one of the Blood Emperors!

RIP HER APART! DEVOUR HER!!

DRINK HER ALL IN!!

RAAAHHKK!

IM-IMPOSSIBLE!

SSA'RRAGH!

Damn! These creatures are water-based. My magic isn't even fazing them!

I know I'm risking my life here, but my eyes... Everything is so clear now.

Quest 13

ARRROOOOOOO!!

?

HEY, LUKAN, ARE YOU AWAKE, TOO?

HAROO?

MUZZLE IT, DUMMY! IT'S ME. PANNUS TYRANNUS!

THIS IS VERY STRANGE.

I WAS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT WE DIED...

NO, WE DIED. I *KNOW* WE DID. DIDN'T WE?

WAH-WROOF?

DEV! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

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HAVE YOU SEEN ANY OF THE OTHERS?

NO, BUT THAT SHOULDN'T PREVENT LUKAN FROM *SNIFFING* THEM OUT.

WAH-WOOF?

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS? WHERE ARE .?

WHAT I'M MORE CONCERNED WITH ARE THOSE *DOTS* ON THE HORIZON.

GRRRR!!

EIGHT

WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT DO YOU SEE, BOY?

I *KNEW* I SENSED SOMETHING HEADING THIS WAY!

GRRRRR!

.....

LOOK A LITTLE HIGHER, LUKAN

PANNUS, WHA- WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I RECOGNIZE THAT SHAPE. IT'S AN AIRSHIP.

A WHOLE DAMN FLEET OF THEM.

YOU SERIOUS? YOUR EYES ARE *THAT* GOOD?

CLOSE YOUR EYES, DEV.

WHAT?

H-HEY!! WHA- WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING! LEGGO!!

?!!

AH, I SEE NOW.

SO IT *IS* AN AIRSHIP.

LOOKS LIKE *MORE* HUMANS ARE ON THE WAY.

FOCUS IN ON THE BOW, LUKAN. CAN YOU MAKE OUT THAT FIGURE?

WROOF!

WAIT... THAT MARK ON HIS FOREHEAD...

I'D SAY CLASSES JUST GOT CANCELLED...*AGAIN*.

OH

I-I TAKE IT THAT HE SAW US.
GEE, WHAT MADE YOU THINK THAT?
EEK!

GELPA!
YES, MY LORD?!

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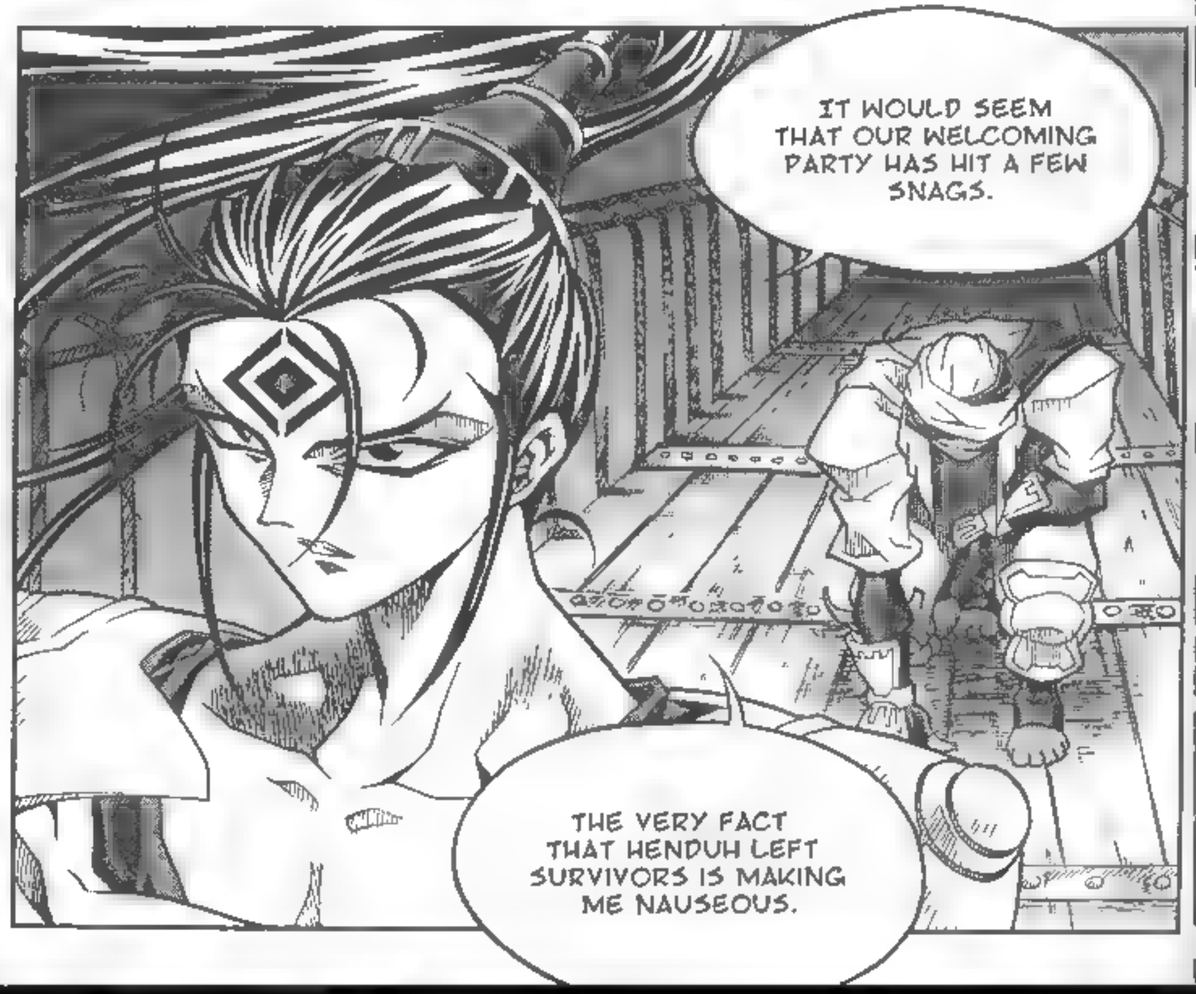
IT WOULD SEEM THAT OUR WELCOMING PARTY HAS HIT A FEW SNAGS.
THE VERY FACT THAT HENDUH LEFT SURVIVORS IS MAKING ME NAUSEOUS.

AS YOU SAY, MY LORD. SHALL I... SHALL I BEGIN PHASE TWO?

YES, MAKE IT SO.

AS YOU WISH, MY LORD!

WHAT A PITY

ATTENTION, ALL HANDS! TERMINATE ALL DEFENSES! REPEAT... TERMINATE ALL DEFENSES!!

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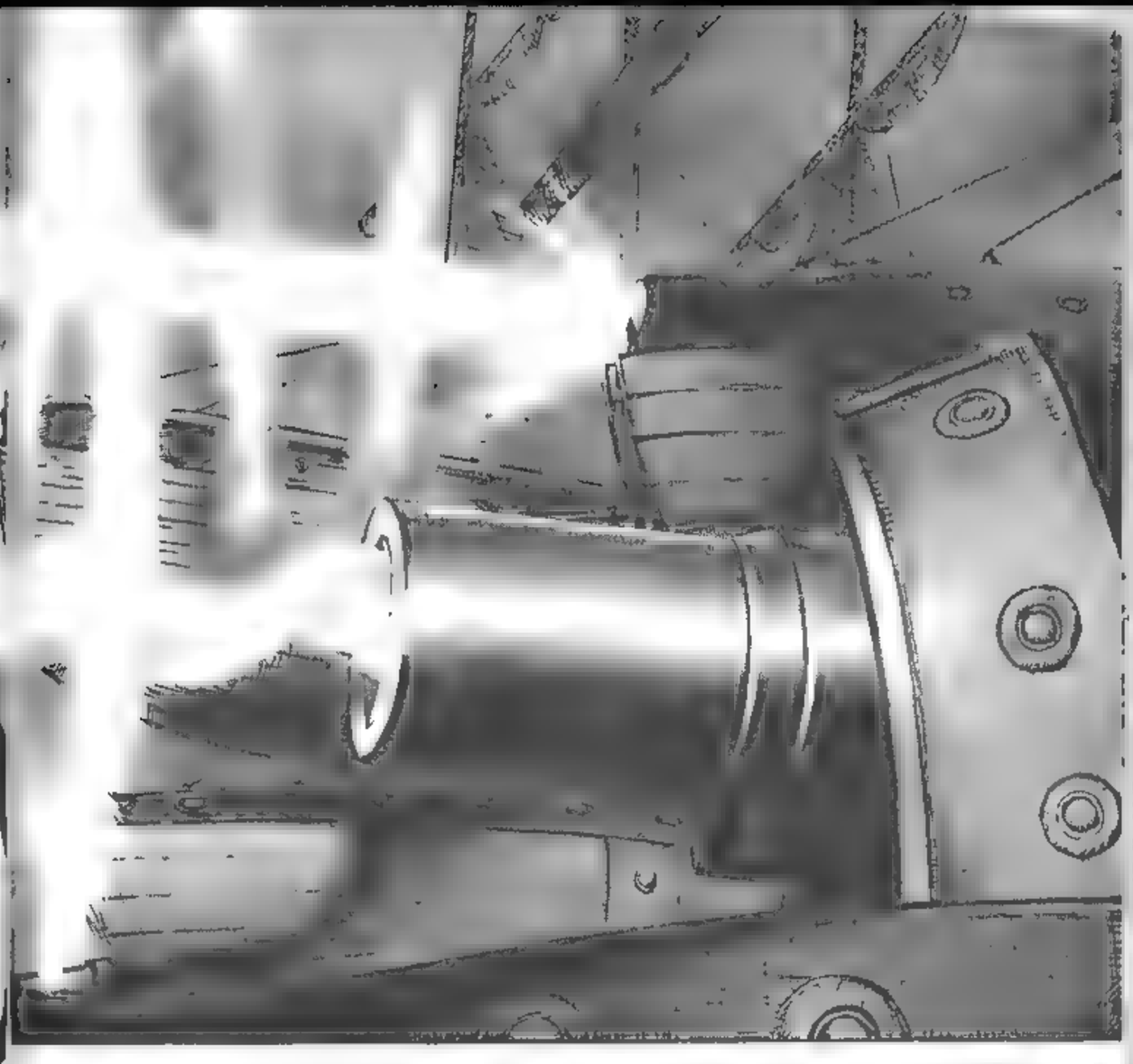
PREPARE THE MAIN ARMAMENTS! REPEAT... PREPARE THE MAIN ARMAMENTS!!

AWAY TEAM, PREPARE FOR LANDFALL!!

GUNNERS TO THE READY! TARGET-LOCK THE DEMON SCHOOL HADES!

COMMENCE FIRING ON MY MARK!

FIRE!



THIS IS NUTS!!

WHAT ARE THOSE BASTARDS TRYING TO DO .. *BOMB* US INTO SUBMISSION?!

Quest 14

INFANTRY, ADVANCE FORWARD FLANK!

YOUR ORDERS ARE TO KILL ON SIGHT! LEAVE NO STONE UNTURN[illegible]D!!

I WANT THAT CURSED "DEMON SCHOOL" WIPED OFF THE MAP!!

AHOY

WHAT...WHAT IN THE WORLD...? WHY ARE ALL THOSE HUMANS--?!

I DON'T THINK THE SITUATION IS *AS BAD* AS YOU THINK.

WHAT?

WELL, LOOK AROUND. THE ONLY DEAD GUYS HERE ARE CHRIS AND HAMMER.

THE OTHERS *MIGHT* STILL BE ALIVE SOMEWHERE.

AT THE VERY LEAST, WE SHOULD PROBABLY REGROUP BACK AT THE MAHGAE.

YEAH, THAT'S--

WAIT A SEC! WHAT HAPPENED TO KATANA? WASN'T HE HERE EARLIER?

WHAT DID WE EVER DO TO *YOU* GUYS, HUH?!

.....

BUT, YEAH WE *SHOULD* REGROUP. IT'S ALMOST NIGHTFALL.

ONCE DARKNESS FALLS...IT'S *PLAYTIME*.

YEAH, YOU GO PLAY WE'LL TRY AND HOLD THESE GUYS OFF, 'KAY?!

YOU'RE GONNA WHAT?!

OH NO, I'M NOT GONNA LEAVE YOU TWO OUT HERE TO FIGHT AN ENTIRE ARMY BY YOURSELVES.

I AIN'T ABOUT TO MISS OUT ON THIS KIND OF ACTION!!

UH, WHA- WHAT'S THAT LOOK FOR?

BESIDES, WHO'S SCARED OF A COUPLE THOUSAND SMELLY HUMANS?

RAAFF!

RIGHT, LUKAN?

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MY DEAR DEV, DIDN'T YOU JUST SACRIFICE YOURSELF TO SAVE US EARLIER?

CAN'T A GUY DO THE SAME THING?

DID YOU GO TOTALLY BRAIN DEAD?! YOU CAN'T TAKE ALL THOSE GUYS!!

EH, YOU'LL SEE.

CRASH

AH... H-HEY!!

COULDN'T I AT LEAST...TAG ALONG?

LUKAN, WHAT DO YOU SAY WE DON'T EMBARRASS OURSELVES LIKE LAST TIME?!

GRUFF!

BANDAGE, BONDAGE!

SLICE

HEAD'S UP! OR-- IN YOUR CASE-- HEAD'S OFF!

H-HOW...?

HIS HEAD WAS SEVERED. HOW COUL--

AARROOO!

WHA--?!

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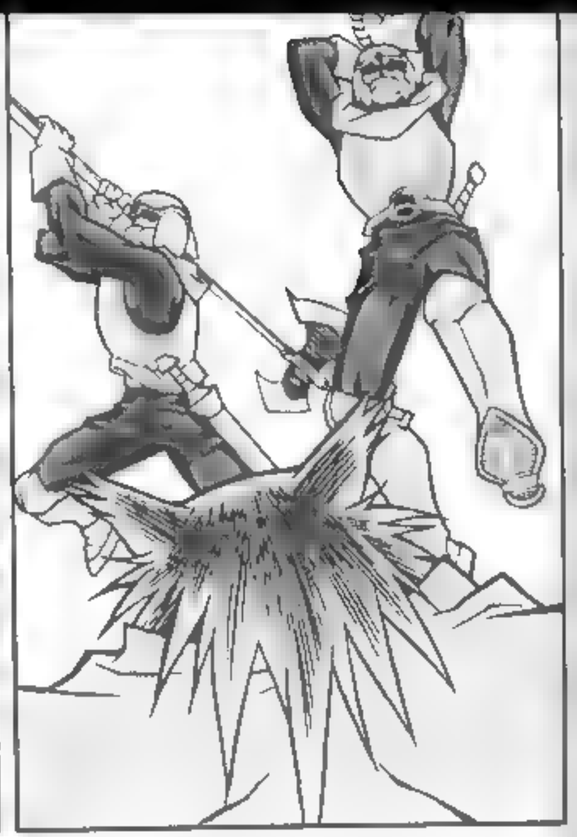

I SAID, I GOT THIS COVERED!!

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URRK!

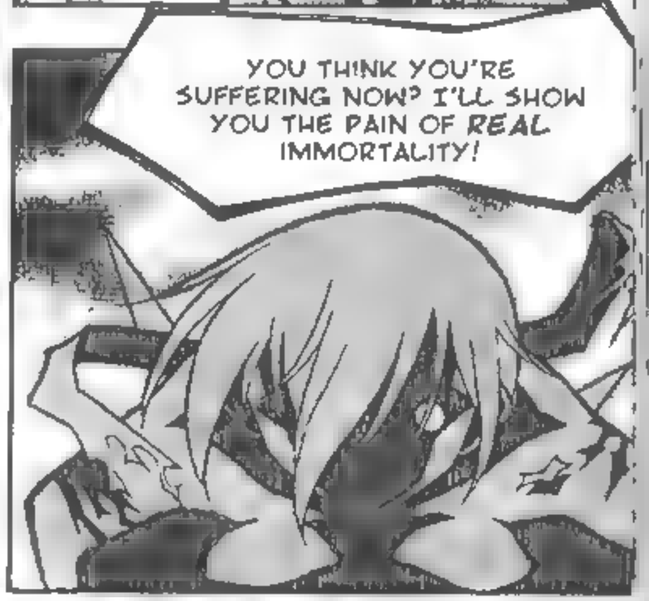
KRRAAH!!

NO!! LUKAN! TYRANNUS !!

HANG IN THERE! I'M COMING!!

SEE, DEV? THESE AREN'T HUMANS!
THEY'RE JUST A BUNCH OF MINDLESS ZOMBIES!

HEH. KNEW IT WASN'T TIME FOR A FAMILY REUNION.
Uhoooo.


YOU THINK YOU'RE SUFFERING NOW? I'LL SHOW YOU THE PAIN OF REAL IMMORTALITY!

I AM THE UNDEAD PHARAOH!
I AM YOUR LORD!!
HEY, LUKAN! THAT WAS YOUR CUE! GET WITH THE PROGRAM!!
FLINCH
I'D SAY YOU PICKED THE WRONG SIDE TO ALLY YOUR UNLIFE WITH.

Quest 15

DAMMIT! THEY'RE LIKE A SWARM OF FLIES. BUT NO MATTER

THE KING OF BEASTS...

...KNOWS EXACTLY HOW TO CLIP THEIR WINGS!

Oy! This is a joke, right?

UH, DID I MISS SOMETHING HERE?

WHEN'D YOU GUYS GET ALL THE COOL TRANSFORMA-TIONS?

DEV, A LITTLE *LESS* GAPING AND A LITTLE *MORE* RUNNING MIGHT HELP!

YEAH, GET THAT *HORNY HEAD* OF YOURS *INSIDE!!*

YEP, NOT-RAAAA'S WAITIN'!

HOW CAN YOU KID AROUND AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!

GRRR!

LIKE A MOTH TO A FLAME, YOU BASTARDS NEVER KNOW WHEN TO... JUST...GIVE...UP!

TALON TORNADO!

THAT A GOOD ENOUGH DEMONSTRATION FOR YOU, DEV?

WE CAN MORE THAN HOLD OUR OWN HERE.

.....

WHATEVER.

YOU JUST BETTER LEAVE ME ONE FOR WHEN I GET BACK!

JUST GET OUT OF HERE ALREADY!

IMPERTINENT FOOLS

DO THOSE WEAKLINGS *ACTUALLY* EXPECT TO OBSTRUCT *THIS* GRAND ARMY?

THIS REALM SHALL BE *OURS* BY DAWN

HUH?!

THAT *COWARDLY* BASTARD IS SLIPPING AWAY!

MY LORD, A MELEE HAS BROKEN OUT! I DON'T MEAN TO SOUND PRESUMPTUOUS, BUT--

GO AFTER THEM, GELPA.

Wait...was he expecting this?

THEN I SHALL LEAVE THE BASE IN YOUR CAPABLE HANDS, SIRE

OUR ARMY OF ZOMBIES WILL BE NOTHING MORE THAN A BLOODY MESS WITH THAT ***DAMNABLE*** UNDEAD PHARAOH AND BEAST KING IN OUR MIDST.

WE MAY NEED ***ANOTHER*** SET OF HIGH-RANKING MEMBERS OF THE MADOSA GUILD ONCE THIS IS OVER.

THIS LEAVES US ***SCANT*** ENOUGH TIME TO EVEN REGROUP.

HMPH! IT SEEMS AS THOUGH I ***MUST*** DIRTY MY HANDS IN THIS AFFAIR.

ALL YE RETURN TO THE CLAY THAT GAVE RISE TO YOU!

BANDAGE BLADES!

GRRAAGHH!!

LUKAN!! WHAT'S WRONG?! ARE YOU HURT?!

WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE, HUH?!

WHERE'D YOU LEARN HOW TO AIM?!

UH...WHOOPS! S-SORRY!!

CHILDREN...

...PLAYTIME IS OVER.

I AM SIR LANCE OF THE MADOSA GUILD...AND *THIS* IS MY ARMY

I SEE THAT WE *BOTH* HAVE OUR *OWN* OBJECTIVES HERE.

WELL, I *DON'T* CARE. TALK AT THIS POINT IS *USELESS!*

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO BRING *CLEANSING* JUSTICE...AND THAT IS THROUGH *FORCE!*

And those guys, they don't work out. Where'd they get all that power from?!

AND NOW THERE'S AN ARMY OF ZOMBIES AT THE GATES!

HOW DID WE EVER END UP IN THIS CRAZY MESS?!

FIRST THERE'S THAT MUSCLE GUY AND THAT PSYCHO NUN!

huff... huff...

But it's not fair! All I'm doing is running. Is this the **most** I can do to help?

Quest 16

SO WE JUST GONNA STAND HERE, OR ARE WE GONNA FIGHT?

It'll don't make this count...

...then I'm going to be placing Mordicus in danger!

ENOUGH OF THIS WAITING! I'M GONNA GET ME A PAIR OF HORNS!

BRAVE WORDS! I'LL BE SURE TO *SPIT* UPON YOUR GRAVE, *MORTAL!!*

WHAT THE--?!

...

HEH! SO YOU GONNA *RUN AWAY*, IS THAT IT?! *COWARD!!*

DON'T WORRY. I'LL BE *RIGHT* HERE WHEN YOU *CRAWL* OUT OF THAT HOLE

RELAX. THIS WON'T TAKE LONG.

THIS SHOULD ALL BE JUST A *FLEETING* MEMORY COME MIDNIGHT.

NOW *GO*.

NO, FATALIS! DON'T GO!!

AS FOR YOU, I SUGGEST YOU MAKE YOURSELF SCARCE UNTIL THIS COMMOTION'S OVER.

HUH? BUT, FATA--

OH, *POO*. WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?

WHO ARE YOU KIDDING?!

WE GOTTA FIND US SOMEWHERES TO HIDE, AND QUICK!

URRGHHH!!!

Maybe here?

Or there?

GEE, I MUST HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING TOO LONG.

YOU LOOK BORED.

SERIOUSLY, MAHALISA, YOU *STILL* HAVE LEGS. *USE THEM!*

WHY...WHY YOU--!

That damage. It's like a wild boar **mauled** her. Could it be...?

HEH HEH HEH!

UNNH! DAMMIT, HENDUH. QUIT GAWKING!

COUGH! COUGH!

HURRY UP AND GET THAT *BLASTED* DOOR SEALED.

MORDICUS?! YOU DID THIS?!

MORDICUS, ANSWER MY QUESTION.

YOU TOOK THAT *WENCH* DOWN ALL BY YOURSELF?

THAT'S RIGHT, TEACH.

GUESS I DON'T KNOW MY OWN STRENGTH. THAT'S DEFINITELY "A-PLUS" WORK, RIGHT?

THE ENTRANCE TO THE MAHGAE...

NONE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO TOUCH THE ONE THAT LIES WITHIN!

Now that I think about it...

...things have been different ever since **she** showed up.

Could all these changes be because of her?!!

I **did** drink of her blood. Her...her succulent human blood. And blood **is** the source of a vampire's power.

Yes, that could be it...But **normal** human blood **can't** generate **these** kinds of supernatural powers.

There is no reason they should be. Those two bleeding-heart mongrels wouldn't drink human blood if they were **dying** of thirst.

But how else can I explain it? This strength **must** be coming from her **somehow!**

CAN YOU GET YOUR MUSCLE-BOUND BUTT OF YOURS IN GEAR *SOMETIME* TODAY?!

!!!

And the others...they **also** seem affected...

AND WHAT IF I *DON'T FEEL* LIKE IT?

"DON'T FEEL LIKE IT"?! B-BUT THE MISSION!!

DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT *MISSIONS*! I'M HERE TO FIND THE RING.

YOU'RE HERE TO SEAL THE DOORS! YOU WANT *THAT* DONE? *DO IT YOURSELF!*

He means the legendary ring, doesn't he? Satan's Ring...

HENDUH, ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!

I'D HAVE TO BE IF I EVER HAD *AN AFFAIR* WITH *YOU.*

NOW SHUT UP ABOUT THAT BLASTED DOOR!

Ha ha!

THE THING COULD BUST OPEN FOR ALL I CARE. I KNOW I SURE AS HELL COULD USE THE WORKOUT!

YOU ARROGANT *BASTARD!* THAT ARCHDEMON AND VAMPIRE ARE *STRONGER* THAN *BOTH* OF US PUT TOGETHER!!

IF YOU LET THE MAHGAE BE OPENED, THEN THE *ENTIRE* WORLD COULD BE *FORFEIT!!*

MIWA UY

Otoko

WOMAN, WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?!

I AM THE THIRD-RANKING GENERAL OF THE ORDER! I AM YOUR MASTER! I AM HENDUH!!

EVEN IF THE ENTIRE UNDERWORLD SHOULD SCAMPER OUT LIKE BUGS FROM THE MAHGAE, THEY STILL WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH TO BRING ME DOWN!!

DEATH SCYTHE! COME!!

SG

HER "MASTER," HUH? YOUR ARROGANCE TEETERS ON THE EDGE OF STUPIDITY.

DOESN'T MATTER, TEACH. HE'S A DEAD MAN.

FINE! WHATEVER! BRING IT ON!!

ACK! LET ME OUTTA HERE!

I SAID WAIT A MINUTE!

Quest 17

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Please be alive!
Please be alive!
Please be alive!

HUH?

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IS . IS THAT BLOOD?

WAIT! THOSE ARE FOOTPRINTS.

THEY.. SEEM TO BE HEADING IN THIS DIRECTION. BUT WHO'S INJURED?

It can't be...!

Not Notra!!

OH, LEAPIN' LUCIFER! WHAT IF IT'S SERIOUS?! THAT'S A LOT OF BLOOD!!

OH NO! SHE MUST BE OUTSIDE!!

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NOTRA!!

YOU?!

SORRY TO *DISAPPOINT* YOU, *LOVER BOY*.

KATANA, YOU'RE ALIVE?!

DOES IT *LOOK* LIKE I'M DEAD?!

UH, NO. BUT WHAT ARE YOU *DOING* OUT HERE?

I WAS *TRYING* TO GET TO THE MAHGAE. *OBVIOUSLY* I COULDN'T MAKE IT.

BUT YOU, YOU LOOK LIKE *YOU'RE* OKAY.

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I COULD HAVE *SWORN* I WAS HURT.

BUT IT'S LIKE I DON'T EVEN HAVE A *SCRATCH* ON ME.

HMPH! IS THAT ALL YOU CAME HERE TO DO? *BRAG* ABOUT YOUR GOOD HEALTH?

NOT REALLY. YOU HAVEN'T SEEN NOTRA AROUND, HAVE YOU?

I MIGHT *DIE* SOON AND ALL YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT IS YOUR LITTLE *WIFE?!*

MY WHAT?!

YOU DOLT!

EEEK!!

WHAT THE *HECK* DID I *EVER* DO TO YOU TO DESERVE *THAT*?!

JUST SHUT UP, YOU *USELESS* BASTARD!

AARGH!!

MY, YOU MUST HAVE *PLENTY* OF TIME TO SPARE.

PERSONALLY, INSTEAD OF SITTING HERE GOSSIPING...

...I WOULD HAVE TRIED TO MAKE A RUN FOR THE MAHGAE.

YOU *IDIOT*, YOU LET YOURSELF BE FOLLOWED!!

NO WAY!!

IT WOULDN'T BE *TOO* UNREASONABLE FOR YOU TO JUST *POINT* ME TO THE MAHGAE, WOULD IT? I PROMISE I'LL MAKE YOUR DEATHS...*QUICK*.

IN YOUR DREAMS, DIRTWAD!!

SUCH UNNECESSARY VIOLENCE.

YOWWCH!

OOMMF!!

CAN'T A GUY HAVE A DECENT LIE-DOWN WITHOUT GETTING DISTURBED?!

DON'T WORRY. YOU CAN SLEEP *PERMANENTLY* IN DUE TIME.

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RESIST ME, ANYWAY.

KAAH!

A WISE DECISION, DEMON.

Ah! Lemme go! Lemme go!

IF I ENJOYED *SENSELESS* KILLING, THEN *THIS* FOOL WOULD HAVE BEEN *DEAD* BY NOW.

.....

RIGHT, I FORGOT. DEMONS DON'T TAKE HOSTAGES, DO THEY?

YOU SEEM DEAD-SET ON *NOT* KILLING US FOR SOME REASON

WHAT GIVES WITH *THAT*, HUH?

FINE! WE'RE *PRACTICALLY* THERE, ANYWAY.

IT'S TO YOUR LEFT.

IS IT NOW...?

Dww. Hey, easy on the arm

THE ENTRANCE TO THE MAHGAE...

...LEAD THE WAY. *NOW!*

IF WE SHOW YOU, WHAT *GUARANTEE* DO I HAVE YOU'LL SPARE OUR LIVES?

AH, JUST AS I THOUGHT. THE ENTRANCE *MUST* BE AT THE END OF THIS PATH.

WELL ISN'T *THAT* A SURPRISE?

HENDUH SEEMS TO BE TOYING WITH HIS OPPONENTS *INSTEAD* OF EXTERMINATING THEM.

"EXTERMINATING"?! WHO?! WHO'S DEAD?!!

AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF I TELL YOU?

YOU'LL BE BLOODSTAINS IN A FEW MOMENTS, ANYWAY.

DAMMIT! I KNEW IT!!

Quest 18

HALT!

YOUR LIVES ARE CANNON FODDER TO ME!!

EH?

AH, SHUT UP!!

YOU DISGUSTING HUMAN! PREPARE TO MEET YOUR MAKER!!

ACK! YOU'RE NOT GONNA HIT ME TOO, ARE YA?!

IF I'M DEAD EITHER WAY, THEN I'D RATHER BITE IT FIGHTING!!

NAIVE WHELP!

THUNDERBOLT BOMB!!

YOU MIGHT LOOK DOWN ON THE STRENGTH OF DEMONS...

...BUT HOW'S *THAT* FEEL?

HUH? BUT I SWORE I HAD HIM!

OWW! OWWIE! OUCH!!

THUD

WHERE'D HE GO?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHERE"?

I'M RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR NOSE!

DAAH!

KEUH! H-HOW IN THE WORLD DID YOU--?

HASTY ACTIONS BRING ABOUT *HASTY* DEATHS!

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THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME *MAJOR* CONFUSION GOING ON HERE.

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU EARLIER THAT I *DON'T* TAKE PLEASURE IN NEEDLESS BLOODLETTING!

I AM *DIFFERENT* FROM HENDUH.

BUT IF YOU CONTINUE, *ALL* LIFE IN THIS *PUTRID* CAVE WILL BE *ANNIHILATED!*

WILL YOU JUST SHUT UP ALREADY AND KILL US!

I DON'T WANT TO SPEND ANOTHER MINUTE LISTENING TO ANOTHER OF YOUR BLASTED SERMONS.

I'LL ASK THIS ONLY ONCE.

DO YOU WANT TO LIVE?

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO? BEG FOR MY LIFE?!

YES OR NO? ANSWER THE QUESTION. IT IS NOT THAT DIFFICULT.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT YOU DEMONS THAT FORCES YOU INTO ONLY SEEING THINGS IN BLACK AND WHITE?

WHO TOOK SUCH MEASURES TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS EARLIER ONLY TO GIVE UP NOW SO EASILY.

THAT IS WHAT SETS US HUMANS APART. WE DON'T GIVE UP.

ALL YOU MONSTERS SEEM TO DO IS KEEP SCURRYING LIKE A BUNCH OF INSECTS. IT'S REVOLTING.

What's with the way this guy talks?

Graaah...

O-OF COURSE! I WANT TO LIVE!!

I WANT TO LIVE SO I CAN GET MY REVENGE ON YOU DAMNABLE HUMANS!!

SPLENDID! NOW, KEEP THAT THOUGHT IN MIND.

YOU OBEDIENTLY COMPLIED WITH MY REQUEST, AND THUS I HAVE NO QUALM WITH YOU.

FOR THAT, I SHALL GRANT YOU *VAST* INSIGHT.

DO YOU SEE IT? *THIS* IS THE "ENEMY" YOU SHALL FACE!!

It is! That's the school gate.

And that's the Mahgae, but **why** am I seeing all this?

Wha-what?! Isn't that...?

OBSERVE CAREFULLY. THESE TWO ARE OF THE HIGHEST RANKS OF OUR ORDER.

IF THEY ARE NOT DESTROYED, THEN, YES, ALL OF YOU SHALL PERISH HERE TODAY.

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TAG

MASTER FATALIS?!

THE ARCHDEMON AGAINST TWO MERE HUMANS?!

DON'T *EVER* UNDERESTIMATE A MEMBER OF OUR ORDER.

EVEN A THIRD-RANKER SUCH AS HENDUH WOULD BE AN *EVEN* MATCH FOR *SATAN* HIMSELF.

YOU CAN'T REALLY CALL HIM HUMAN, THOUGH. NOT ANYMORE.

OOOOOO

MASTER FATALIS!!

LADY NOTRA...

I-I'M SORRY. I C-COULDN'T PROTECT YOU.

CRACK

NOOOOO!!

BIG BROTHER!!

SU-SUCH POWER! WHERE'S IT EMANATING FROM?

Quest 19

GRRRR
GRRRR
GRRRR

Sniff...

M-MORDICUS... FA-FATALIS...

THEY-THEY'RE BOTH GONE. AND LUKAN.. PANNUS TYRANNUS... EVEN DEV! ALL OF THEM...*GONE!*

SO, UH... YOU WANT TO *FOLLOW* THEM?

YOU'RE MAKING THIS *DIFFICULT*. BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER.

DOING *WHATEVER* THE HELL I WANT ISN'T SO BAD.

HOW CAN YOU EVEN SUGGEST THAT AFTER WHAT'S HAPPENED?! OH YEAH, YOU'RE *A HUMAN.* THAT'S HOW!

WILL YOU JUST HAND IT OVER?

GIRL, YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO PICK A BAD TIME

BUT HAND *WHAT* OVER?

THE LEGENDARY RING.

ALL OF THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE OF *IT*.

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. I *AM* A HUMAN.

BUT I'M *NOT* DOING THIS FOR MYSELF. I'M DOING THIS TO *MINIMIZE* CASUALTIES.

NOTRA, WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO GRIEVE. I *KNOW* YOU REALIZE THAT. AND I KNOW YOU *DON'T* WANT TO SEE ANY MORE CLASSMATES DIE.

EITHER WAY, THAT RING IS USELESS IN YOUR HANDS. BUT IN MINE, IT'S SOMETHING MORE.

The legendary ring? **That's** what this is about?! Oh, now that tears it!

I KNEW YOU HAD SOME SECRET AGENDA GOING!

YOU'RE JUST LIKE THEM! YOU'RE JUST A DISGUSTING HUMAN!!

"SOMETHING MORE"?

B-BUT HOW?

IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT! YOUR POWER MATCHES YOUR RANK

I MIGHT'VE DOUBTED YOU BEFORE, BUT SEEING *SUCH* POWER IS A *REVELATION.*

AND NOW THAT YOU'VE ELIMINATED ALL YOUR OPPONENTS, WE STILL HAVE SOME TIME.

HURRY, HENDUH, *SEAL* THE MAHGAE'S ENTRANCE!

AH HA HA! THAT'S A RELIEF!!

TIME TO MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE, BABE. *WE'RE WAIIITING!*

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS!!

HOW MUCH TIME IS THERE UNTIL IT AUTOMATICALLY OPENS?

...

I'M NOT SURE MAYBE HALF AN HOUR?

IT'LL TAKE FAR LESS THAN THAT TO SEAL IT.

QUITE A RECKLESS BOYFRIEND YOU GOT THERE.

AREN'T YOU FORGETTING YOUR DUTY?

WASN'T YOUR MISSION...

...TO OBTAIN *THIS* FABLED RING OF LEGEND?!

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HEH! GUESS SOME *BRATS* MUST VALUE THEIR LIVES! YOU GOT AN OKAY SET...OF PIGTAILS, TOO.

FINE, JUST FORK IT OVER.

YEAH RIGHT! AS IF I'D GIVE IT UP *THAT* EASILY!

And what was that about my "set"?

YOU DAMNABLE LITTLE SNOT!

NO, LET ME FINISH! I *NEVER* SAID I *WOULDN'T* GIVE IT TO YOU!

YOU SEAL THAT ENTRANCE...

...AND THE RING'S *ALL* YOURS!

YOU SMUG BRAT, YOU LIED TO ME!

YOU PRETENDED TO BE ON MY SIDE THIS WHOLE TIME!

I KNEW I COULDN'T TRUST YOU!

NOTRA, SHUT UP!

DID YOU HONESTLY THINK WE COULD GET RID OF THIS GUY WITHOUT A FEW SACRIFICES?

HUNDREDS OF MONSTERS AND DEMONS SHOULDN'T HAVE TO DIE ALL IN THE NAME OF YOUR SELFISH REVENGE!!

THAT...THAT'S--

That girl... she's **awfully** suspicious.

What's her **real** game here?

AH MWHA HA HA HAR!!

MUSCLEMAN, WHAT'RE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT NOW?

I FIND IT AMAZING THAT YOU *STILL* HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT WHAT I AM.

BUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GIVE IT TO ME, THEN *DON'T!* I CAN STILL GET MY *KICKS* WITH YOU AND *STILL* HAVE TIME TO SPARE

SORRY!

NO MORE NEGOTIATING!!

IF YOU WANT THIS RING SO MUCH, THEN PICK UP THE CRUMBS!!

GIRL, DON'T BE FOOLISH!

YOU'D BREAK YOUR FOOT WITHOUT EVEN SO MUCH AS MAKING A DENT!

HALT!

OF COURSE, YOU REALIZE I *PREDICTED* YOU WOULD FAIL IN BOTH OF YOUR MISSIONS, RIGHT?

HOW BAD DO THINGS HAVE TO GET UNTIL YOU'RE *SATISFIED*?

GELDA! WH-WHEN DID YOU ARRIVE?!

HMPH!

HENDUH KHYUNG, YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE. JUST *DON'T* OVERDO IT.

PHEW!

Yeah, um, thanks for stopping me. I kind of need both my foot **and** the ring.

IF YOU CONTINUE TO *SHIRK* YOUR DUTIES AND *TRIVIALIZE* YOUR MISSIONS, YOU *SHALL* BE REPORTED TO THE GUILD MASTER!

IF YOU SIMPLY DON'T CARE, THEN BY ALL MEANS, CONTINUE AS YOU WERE.

IS THAT A THREAT...

...OLD MAN?!

TAKE IT AS YOU LIKE.

BUT YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS!

HMPH!

GUESS THE GAME'S OVER.

EH? UH... WHY'S THAT?

Guess I get to hang on to it a little longer, huh?

I AM NOT AT ALL SURE I CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS.

BUT WHILE YOU'RE SEALING UP THE ENTRANCE, I'LL BE TAKING CARE OF THAT MONSTER.

Wait, th-that's...!!

YOU STILL HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY FOR A SEAL, MAHALISA?

BUT OF COURSE, LOVE.

Heh heh! What a relief.

I'D POSTPONE HANDING OVER THAT RING IF I WERE YOU.

Quest 20

I can sense Dev's life force...but that appearance...?

I'M IMPRESSED! WHAT STRENGTH!!

NOW THIS IS WHAT I CALL A *WORTHY* FIGHT!!

AH HA HA! YOU REALLY EXPECT TO TAKE ON THE BIG GUY YOURSELF, GELPA?!

NO, HENDUH! THE GATE-WAY!!

DON'T GET IN MY WAY, MAHALISA! THIS IS TOO GOOD OF AN OPPORTUNITY !!

BUT THAT'S NOT OUR PROBLEM RIGHT NOW!

EH?!

PAUSE

THE ENTRANCE TO THE MAHGAE IS ABOUT TO BURST OPEN!!

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

OH NO! IT'S TOO LATE!

DAMN.

OH...

HENDUH ?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! WE'RE TOO LATE!

WHO YOU KIDDING?! IT'S ONLY A STUPID GATE!

ALL I GOTTA DO IS JUST CLOSE IT AGAIN!!

GRRRAAAH!

JEEZ, HOPE I DON'T STRAIN ANYTHING.

HUH?

SCREECH!

DAARGH!

GREAT MADOSA! THE GUARDS TO THE MAHGAE!!

THEY WERE EXPECTING US!!

SO A COUPLE OF SMALL FRIES THINK THAT THEY CAN MAKE HAMBURGER OUT OF THE GREAT HENDUH, HUH?

BLESSED BREATH!

DON'T YOU **EVER** UNDERESTIMATE THE GREAT HENDUH!!

I...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!

YOU FORCED THE ENTRANCE CLOSED THROUGH SHEER FORCE OF WILL?!

huff

UNNH...A LITTLE HELP HERE?

huff

MAHALISA, HURRY UP AND GET OVER HERE!

I NEED YOU TO WORK THAT MAGIC MOJO OF YOURS!

Y-YES, OF COURSE. BE RIGHT THERE!

MAHALISA !!

DAMMIT, GELPA! YOU SCOUNDREL!!

GET YOUR WORTHLESS CARCASS UP!!

THIS WAS .. UNEXPECTED.

THIS IS NO *MERE* DEMON SUPREME.

HE IS *MUCH* MORE THAN THAT. HE HAS... HE HAS SOMEHOW SURPASSED US ALL.

He's become a hellion!

ZEO

Aaah! Its roar is deafening!

The vibrations feel like they're going to rip me apart!

KA

BLAST IT!!

SUCH A DISGRACEFUL SITUATION.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF LANCE?!

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH YOU HAVE NOT ONLY FAILED TO OBTAIN SATAN'S RING...

...BUT THE MAHGAE HAS *YET* TO BE SEALED AND *TWO* OF YOUR COMRADES HAVE FALLEN.

EH EH. YOU GOT ME THERE, SIR. BUT SINCE YOU'RE HERE...

...WHAT DO YOU SAY YOU PITCH IN A LITTLE?!

I'LL DECLINE.

WHA-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! YOU NEVER BACK DOWN FROM A FIGHT!!

WE SHALL *NOT* DISCUSS MY ABILITIES, HENDUH.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW IS I HAVE HAD MANY DRAINING TASKS TO PERFORM TODAY. I AM NOT UP TO THIS CHALLENGE.

WHAT DO YOU SAY I TAKE YOUR PLACE, THEN...*LANCEY?*

Quest 21

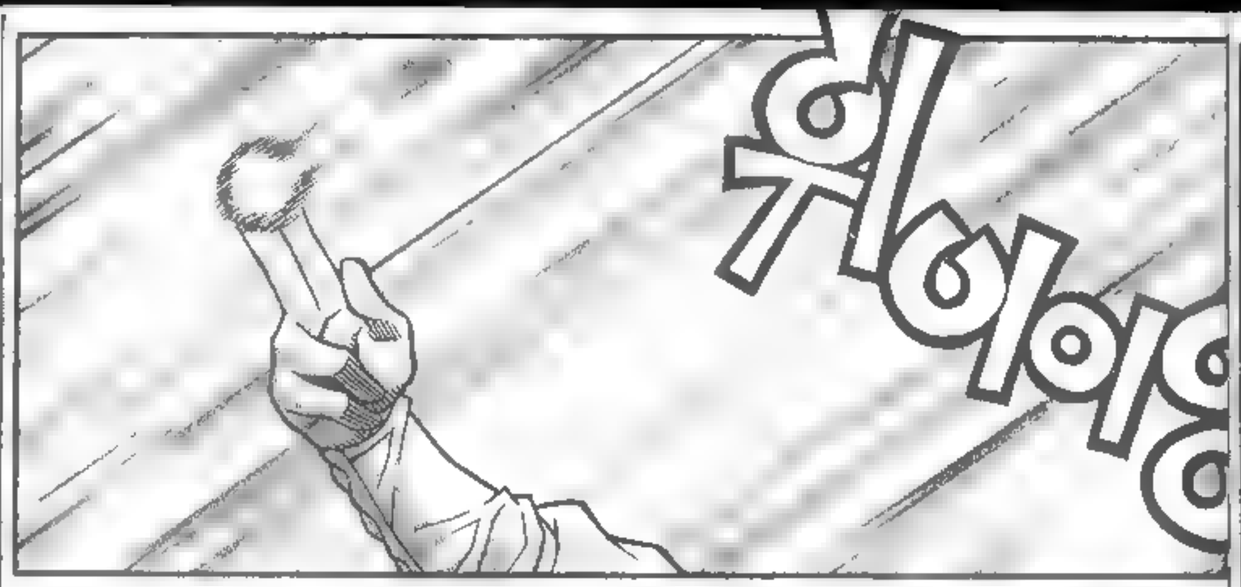
I TAKE ON THE BIG AND THE BAD AND YOU HANDLE THAT GATEWAY. DEAL?

Y-YOU?!

WAIT, YOU'RE...

Lady Sang?!

I'VE GOT *ONE* CONDITION, THOUGH.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CHIEF LANCE, WHAT THE HELL'S UP WITH THAT CHICK, ANYWAY?!

I'D CHOOSE MY WORDS CAREFULLY IF I WERE YOU, HENDUH!
SHE'S NOT SOMEONE TO BE EASILY INSULTED BY THE LIKES OF YOU!

BY THE POWER OF MADOSA GUILD, GRANT THEE STRENGTH!
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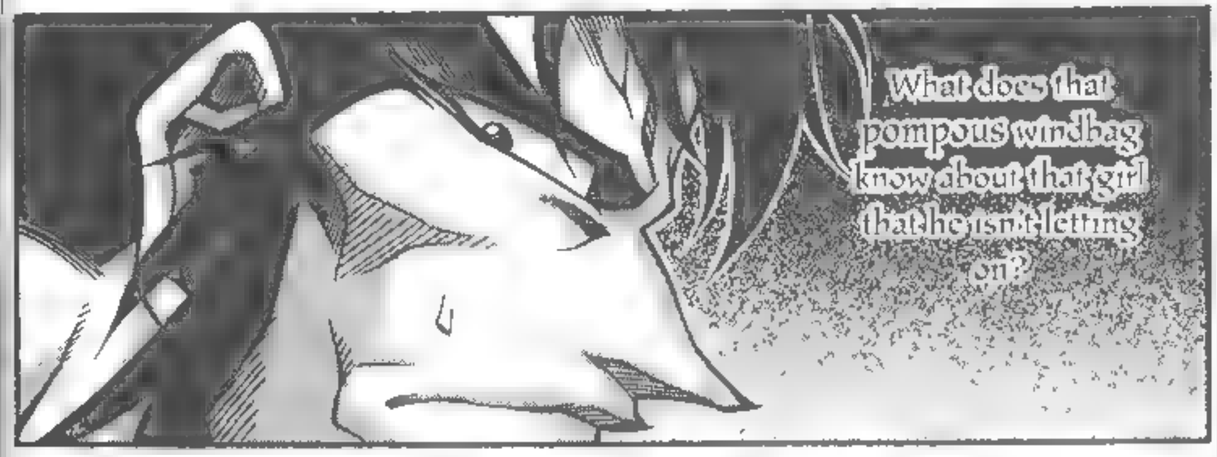
What does that pompous windbag know about that girl that he isn't letting on?

DEV...? DEV, IS THAT REALLY YOU?!

NO, IT CAN'T BE. HIS APPEARANCE... IT'S TOO DIFFERENT.

I DON'T KNOW *HOW* IT HAPPENED, BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT *IS* DEV.

UNLESS *YOU* WANT TO GO OUT THERE, THAT IS.

KATANA?! YOU'RE ALIVE!

WHAT IS IT *WITH* YOU AND DEV?! YOU TWO MUST *WANT* ME DEAD OR SOMETHING!

OH WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE DEV'S THE ONLY ONE LEFT...

...THAT WE CAN EVEN COUNT ON TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION.

WHY MUST YOU *ALWAYS* FIGHT IN THE NAME OF "REVENGE"?

YOU KNOW IT'S *POINTLESS*, RIGHT? ALL THIS FIGHTING

I THINK YOU JUST WANT TO FIGHT BECAUSE YOU *CAN*

THAT PALE-SKINNED DEMON WANNABE'S STILL ALIVE?!

YEAH, ISN'T IT SAD?

SORRY, BUDDY, BUT I HOPE YOU REALIZE THIS HAS TO END HERE.

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HUH?! UH, OH CRAP!!

AH, COULD YOU MAYBE, UM, WAIT A SEC WHILE A GIRL GETS READY?!

FLUSTERED

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DAMMIT, LANCE! AREN'T YOU GONNA AT LEAST HELP OUT RED OVER THERE?!

IF SHE CAN'T HALT THE DEMON, THEN NOT EVEN *YOU* NOR I COULD STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THAT BEAST.

AAAARGHHH!!

TOOOM

Mmmt...

HAH!

Uuuk

KA-
KATANA?!

DEV'S...DEV'S TOO MIGHTY! HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HIS OWN STRENGTH!

HOW COULD HE HAVE WREAKED SUCH MASSIVE DESTRUCTION?

WHAT KIND OF DEVASTATING POWER GOT UNLEASHED?

OH HADES, NO!! WHAT HAS HE BECOME?!

IT...IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!

AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE MAHGAE, THAT'S WHERE I USED TO LOOK UP AT THE STARS--

WAIT, KA-KATANA. LOOK THERE!

DO...DO YOU SEE HER?!

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AH, DO YOU FEEL BETTER NOW?

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UGH! SEE?! NOW THIS IS WHY I HATE TAKING OFF ANY RINGS!
HUH?
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WHAT ARE--?
EH?
ACK!
헉!
I SHOULD BE USED TO TAKING THESE RINGS OFF BY NOW, BUT IT STILL FEELS LIKE I'M GOING TO HURL EVERY TIME.
SLIP
SA-SANG?! IS THERE SOMETHING YOU HAVEN'T TOLD US YET?

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